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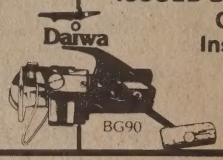

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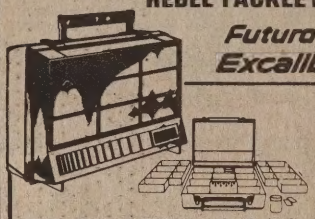

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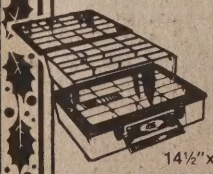

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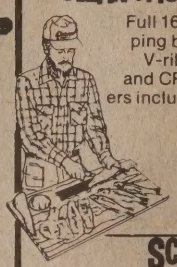

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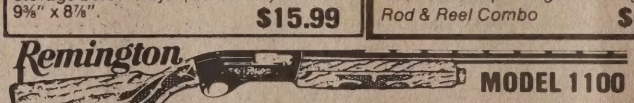

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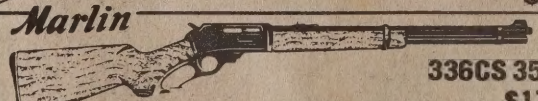

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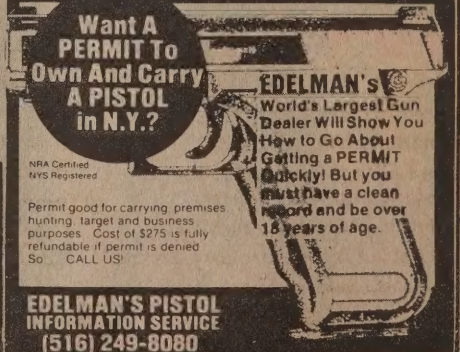

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This week's issue of *The Fisherman*, the last of 1984, should be particularly helpful to the many anglers from our area who flock to southern climes during the "off season." Florida travel in particular is emphasized and you'll find feature articles covering Tampa Bay, the Keys and Florida's Gulf Coast. Until we return in January, our very best wishes for a joyous holiday season to all! Cover by Fred Guardineer.

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FISHERMAN STAFF ON VACATION. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

It's that time of year again when The Fisherman staff gets a brief hiatus from the grind entailed in publishing four weekly editions. Our first issue of the new year, the New York Boat Show Edition, will be dated January 10th.

Until then, sincere wishes for a happy, healthy, holiday season to all our readers, advertisers and friends from the crew at The Fisherman!

1985 STATE FISHING PERMIT SCHEDULE

The Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission has announced that Sport Fishing, Beach Vehicle and Caumsett State Park fishing permits will be issued for Long Island State Park facilities for 1985.

Applicants MUST present vehicle registration and the correct permit fee (payable to: Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission) in order to receive permit. The permits will be valid for the vehicle bearing license plate number indicated on permit ONLY and are non-transferable (to another person or vehicle). All permits will expire on December 31, 1985, regardless of the date issued. Permits will be issued to bona fide sport fishermen ONLY: permit holders may be required to show fishing equipment (rods, reels, bait and/or lures, etc.) at park upon request. There will be no refunds for lost and/or revoked permits.

1985 Fishing Permits WILL NOT be issued to any individual whose 1984 Sport Fishing, Beach Vehicle and/or Caumsett Fishing Permit was revoked. These persons will not be eligible for Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission fishing permits in 1985.

Following are specific instructions and regulations for each of the permits:

Sport Fishing Permit—valid April 1 to December 31, 1985 for after-sunset parking for the purpose of night fishing ONLY at Captree, Hither Hills, Jones Beach, Montauk Point, Robert Moses, Sunken Meadow and Wildwood State Parks. These permits, for which there is a $10 annual fee, may be obtained (in person only) at the parks listed above and at the Permit Office, Long Island State Park and Recreation Administration Headquarters, Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon (Belmont Ave. at Southern State Parkway Exit 37N), from January 2 to April 30 and from September 3 to December 31, 1985 ONLY. Sport Fishing Permits WILL NOT be issued from May 1 through September 2. (7-day permits for new residents, vacationers, etc., at a fee of $10, may be purchased during this period at the Permit Office and at Hither Hills State Park ONLY).

Additional regulations for Sport Fishing Permits are as follows:

- Jones Beach: Night parking limited to Parking field Nos. 6, 10 and West End No. 2.
- Robert Moses: Night parking limited to Parking Field No. 2. (During *Winter ONLY; permit also valid for sunrise to sunset parking at Field No. 4).
- Sunken Meadow: Night parking limited to Parking Field No. 1. (During *WINTER ONLY—permit also valid for Parking Field No. 3).

***Winter**—Sept. 15 to Dec. 31.

Beach Vehicle Permit—allows access to designated beach areas at Robert Moses (Democrat Point), Hither Hills, Napeague and Montauk Point State Parks. These permits, for which there is a $25 annual fee, may be purchased (in person only) at Robert Moses and Hither Hills State Parks from January 2 to April 30 and from September 3 to December 31, 1985 ONLY. Beach Vehicle Permits WILL NOT be issued from May 1 through September 2.

Additional regulations for Beach Vehicle Permits are as follows:

- All vehicles must be equipped with fishing equipment, a shovel, rope (or tow chain) and sanitary facilities.
- Hither Hills, Napeague and Montauk Point—permit valid 24 hours daily, year-round.
- Robert Moses (Democrat Point): permit valid 24 hours daily from April 1 to 5PM on Thursday, May 23, and from 12:01 AM on Tuesday, September 3 through December 31, 1985. Effective 5 PM Thursday, May 23 to 12:01 AM on Tuesday, September 3, vehicles may enter Democrat Point before 7 AM or after 5 PM ONLY.
- Vehicles may remain on the beach for no more than 48 consecutive hours.

Beach Vehicle Permits also allow all privileges of Sport Fishing Permit (above). There will be no replacements for lost Beach Vehicle Permits; duplicate permits WILL NOT be issued.

Caumsett State Park—allows sport fishermen to drive to and from the fishing parking area ONLY and are valid from April 1 to December 31, 1985 during hours and days specified by Park Superintendent ONLY. The annual fee for Caumsett Fishing Permits will be $25. Permits will be issued as follows:

1. On January 2, 1985, a total of 250 permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served, basis at the Permit Office at Administration Headquarters in Babylon.

2. On February 21, 1985, a lottery will be conducted for an additional 200 permits. Specific information for the Caumsett lottery follows:

Applications for the lottery will be

available beginning Monday, January 21, 1985, at Caumsett State Park and at LISPRC Administration Headquarters. Applications may also be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: CAUMSETT FISHING, P.O. Box 247, Babylon, NY 11702.

Applications for the lottery must be submitted not later than close of business on Tuesday, February 19, 1985. ONE application per person/vehicle/household ONLY: duplications will result in cancellation of *all* applications for person/vehicle/household.

A drawing will be held at 2PM on Thursday, February 21, 1985, at LISPRC Administration Headquarters, at which time applications will be assigned numbers according to the order in which they are drawn, up to 300. (Applicants are invited to attend the drawing). Permits will be issued to the first 200; the next 100 will be placed on a waiting list.

The $25 annual fee IS NOT to be submitted with application. Following the February 21 drawing, all applicants will be notified as to whether or not they are among the 200 selected to receive a permit (and/or the 100 to be placed on the waiting list). Those 200 successful in the drawing will then be required to submit the $25 fee (not later than Monday, March 4) and will receive their permit by return mail.

Note: Ten one-day Fishing Passes will continue to be available (8AM to 4PM) at the Caumsett State Park entrance booth for single weekday (M-F) use ONLY.

These regulations and procedures have been developed to maximize fishing opportunities for legitimate surf fishermen at the State Parks while minimizing vandalism and abuses of the parks and their facilities. We urge all surf fishermen not to procrastinate about securing the permit(s) they need for 1985. Please take what action is required as soon as possible.

Mailing address is: Permits Office, Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission Headquarters, Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon, NY 11702; (516) 669-1000, and ask for permits.

TOURNAMENT ANGLERS ANNOUNCE TOURNEY DATES

The Tournament Anglers will present the 6th Annual Billfish and Tuna Tournament on July 20 and 21, 1985, from the Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport, L.I. This tournament is open to all club and individual entries.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the heaviest blue marlin, white marlin, swordfish and tuna. Special recognition will be given for heaviest dolphin, mako shark and wahoo. Trophies will be awarded to the winning club entries.

Entrants may leave any time after 12:01 AM on Saturday, July 20th. Boats can fish the Hudson Canyon and stay out overnight at the captain's discretion.

For more information, contact the Tournament Director, Nick Descio, attn: Tournament Anglers, 3375 Lawson Blvd., Oceanside, NY 11572; (516) OR 8-2909.

ALL TACKLE THANKS DEALERS

All Tackle Distributors, Deer Park, advises that Art Miller of Long Island Tackle, Northport, won the grand prize of a G.E. Microwave, at the recent All Tackle Fishing Tackle Trade Show. Harry Fuld of All Tackle said the show was a big success and looks forward to next year's extravaganza. All Tackle thanks all of the Island's tackle dealers for coming and for their patronage and support in '84.

MR. CHAMP CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Weber Tackle and Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle wish to extend their congratulations to William Scheuermann, Jr. upon his becoming the area winner in the Mr. Champ Contest held by Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle. The contest ran for six months. Any size fish caught on any size Mr. Champ lure was eligible. William Scheuermann, Jr. took first place with his 17 lb. 1 oz. bluefish and Chris Winterbottom took last place with his 2 lb. fluke.

William's prize was a tackle box filled with Weber products, with a total value of over $300. Chris received a trophy.

FIELD STUDY LINKS ACID RAIN TO STRIPED BASS DECLINE

Comprehensive studies of the striped bass spawning fall-off in Chesapeake Bay are equally as important to the future recovery of the species as cutting fishing pressure; a fact clearly recognized in the study provisions of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act. An increasing amount of this research is being directed at the connection between poor survival of juvenile fish and the high level of acidity in spawning waters. So supporters of the new conservation bill paid a high price—unavoidable as it was—for the bill's passage by deleting the acid rain study amendment.

Future acidity studies will be taken from the laboratory, where most of the work has been done to date, into the field using natural, or prevailing, conditions. Dr. Lenwood Hall of Johns Hopkins University conducted one such field study last spring and reported his findings to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's annual meeting in September. The experiment was designed to test the hypothesis that striped bass thrive in a more alkaline as opposed to acidic environment. Water with a lot of pH of over 7.0 is considered alkaline, and striped bass are thought to have trouble surviving in water with a pH below 7.

Toxicologist Hall and his associates measured mortality of larval stripers in the Nanticoke River, an im-

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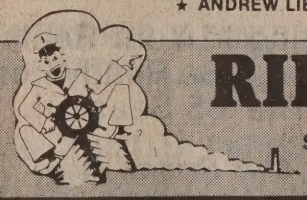

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portant Chesapeake spawning reach, and compared the results with mortality in a control, or alkaline, environment. After 96 hours in the water, less than five percent of the fish larvae in the Nanticoke, where acidity was measured at 6.3 pH, were still alive. In the more alkaline environment, 80 percent of the young fish survived over the same period. Repeated tests yielded similar results, as have previous lab tests. All of which strongly supports the conclusion that abnormal acidity levels in striped bass spawning habitat is a significant factor in the species' decline.

ALL CLUBS COD TOURNEY RESULTS

Following are the results of the All Clubs Codfish Tournament, hosted by the Bay Shore Tuna Club recently.

First place: Team I, Hudson Anglers, 398 lbs. 8 oz.

Second place, Team I, Bay Shore Tuna Club, 359 lbs. 3 oz.

Third Place, Team II, Bay Shore Tuna Club, 268 lbs. 3 oz.

Gross Weight: Reet-D, Captain, Dick Bohner, 264 lbs. 5 oz., Bay Shore Tuna Club.

Individual First Place: Tony Froitzheim, Hudson Anglers, 27 lbs. 8 oz.

Individual Second Place: Paul Murray, Hudson Anglers, 26 lbs. 8 oz.

Individual Third Place (Tied): Paul Giangrecco and Harvey Murtha, 23 lbs.

DEADLINE FOR TAG RETURN DRAWING ANNOUNCED

Fishermen who have Hudson River Foundation striped bass tags must return them by January 15, 1985 to become eligible for awards of up to $1,000, the Foundation announced recently. The tag return drawing will be held in February, with the first five fishermen whose numbers are drawn receiving $100 per tag, the next two receiving $500 per tag, and the last two fishermen whose numbers are drawn receiving $1,000 per tag.

The tag return drawing will complete the start-up season of a multi-year study of Hudson River striped bass biology being coordinated by the Hudson River Foundation for Science and Environmental Research (HRF). Approximately 900 striped bass were tagged this spring in the central Hudson Estuary.

So far, tags have been returned from both inside the River and as far as Massachusetts and New Jersey. The HRF also encourages fishermen to return non-HRF tags without return addresses; however, no reward will be offered for these.

All tags and correspondence should be sent to: Hudson River Foundation, P.O. Box 1731, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

The Hudson River Foundation is a not-for-profit organization which sponsors scientific, economic and public policy research on matters of environmental, ecological and public health concern to the Hudson River

and its tributaries. The Foundation awarded total grants in 1984 of $925,000.

GOOD TASTING "DOGGIES"

Carl Schwemmer of Rego Park informs us that he's been bringing home dogfish fillets when codfishing. These he puts in his smokehouse. Surprise, surprise! They taste exactly like sturgeon. Carl recommends basting the fillets once with vegetable oil. This prevents the delicious meat from drying out while being smoked.

HUMMINBIRD'S 1985 PRODUCT CATALOG

The Humminbird 1985 Product Catalog is now available, featuring the latest innovations in marine electronics and accessories. Designed for use as a trade and consumer piece, the 16 page, 4-color catalog contains complete product information and specifications for each unit.

Prominent in the 1985 line-up is Humminbird's LCR—it bridges the gap between flashers and chart recorders—with four models to suit any on-the-water situation. There's the new Humminbird CVR—the first **compact** color video unit that doesn't skimp on features—with two models to choose from. Humminbird also introduces several new accessories for 1985: The Angle Lock Connector, which allows the depth sounder to be mounted in a smaller space; the new Power Switch assembly, for flip-of-a-switch operation of two depth sounders; and the In-Dash Bow Mount, made especially for mounting an In-Dash in the floor of the bow.

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We have been greatly saddened to learn of the passing of one of the senior charter boat skippers hereabouts, Captain Walt Scott of the Acme II, out of Freeport. Walt died two weeks ago after a brief period of illness, at age 69.

Walt had been a member of the Freeport Boatmen's Association for the 25 years he sailed charters out of the Association dock on Woodcleft Canal.

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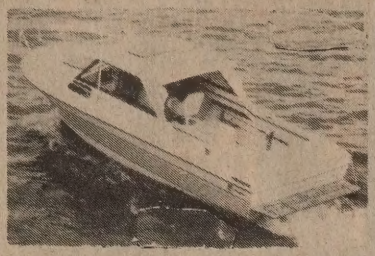

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3. Great South Bay Anglers	349	418	225	992
4. Gateway Striper Club	330	387	212	929
5. Striper Surf Club	511	251	71	833
6. Patchogue Fishing Club	160	255	163	578
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8. East End Surf Club	160	245	79	484
9. O.T.T.O.	23	188	19	230

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. R. Rance	44 pounds, 0 ounces	HHSC
2. J. Hanson	42 pounds, 14 ounces	GSC
3. W. Muller	40 pounds, 4 ounces	HHSC

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. C. Jones	18 pounds, 8 ounces	HHSC
J. Belmonte	18 pounds, 8 ounces	PFC
2. J. McKay	17 pounds, 15 ounces	GSC
3. G. Dietz	17 pounds, 0 ounces	PFC

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. F. Eike	14 pounds, 1 ounce	MIS
2. T. Booker	13 pounds, 8 ounces	GSC
D. Palmer	13 pounds, 8 ounces	MIS
3. J. McKay	11 pounds, 6 ounces	GSC

MOST POINTS OVERALL—Individual Top 20

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. F. Schwab	HHSC	273	92	78	443
2. O. Van Helmond	PFC	75	126	154	355
3. W. Muller	HHSC	215	89	34	338
4. F. Golofaro	GSBA	87	84	115	286
5. J. McKay	GSC	105	120	49	274
6. G. Mandarakas	SSC	181	51	27	259
7. D. Palmer	MIS	40	183	28	251
8. J. Murray	GSBA	102	133	8	243
9. J. Fritz	FSC	82	142	6	230
10. F. McCann	FSC	135	0	72	207
11. J. Klosek	GSC	12	158	20	190
12. J. Augeri	GSC	80	59	26	165
13. K. Kassan	FSC	106	19	28	153
14. F. Eike	MIS	38	80	26	144
15. J. Hanson	GSC	103	0	24	127
16. C. Jones	HHSC	50	35	39	124
17. T. Booker	GSC	0	44	72	116
18. R. Brown	FSC	67	0	42	109
19. M. Kaland	SSC	11	96	0	107
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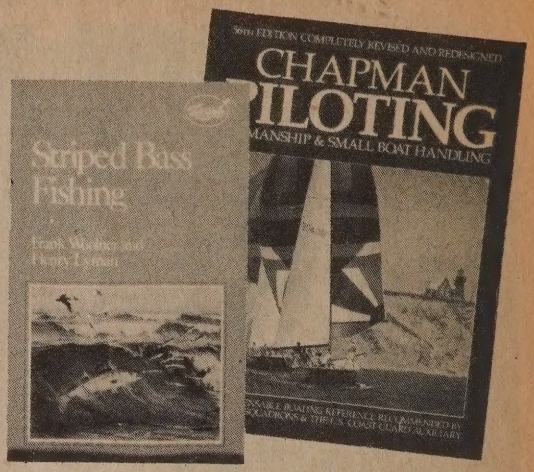

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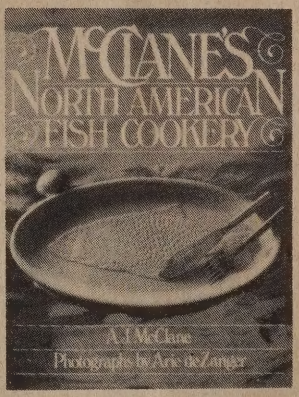

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FLORIDA SHARKING

by Pete Barrett

Big, mean and exotic, Florida sharks offer good sport to vacationing northern anglers.

Catching small jacks for bait was fun and everyone from young Bruce and Ryan up to Grandma Huppert all had a ball. Wives, kids, friends and even dads got in on the action and for about an hour, we all laughed and caught a good supply of bait.

Teri Clayton easily handled the jacks and later had a good time with a 10 pound barracuda, but she was due for a surprise when Brett Dudas, mate on the beautiful "L&H" deboned the 'cuda and rigged the fish for shark bait.

Captain Barry Dudas nudged the boat with a firm hand on the controls to put the bait down on the edge of an underwater reef—a spot where he had caught hammerheads in recent days. Teri had caught the 'cuda, so it was her turn at the rod when the strike came.

It didn't take long before something big and hungry charged off with the bait and moments later Teri was in the fight chair straining against a big fish. Aching arms and back didn't faze her; she just kept slugging away gaining line a few inches at a time, well coached by Brett and my son, Rich.

Forty-five minutes later we finally saw the fish—a hammerhead that looked about 300 or so pounds. Barry estimated it at about 350 and later on the scales at Crandall park Marina on Key Biscayne it weighed 354 pounds. Teri doesn't give away her weight (what woman does!), but it's safe to say the hammerhead outweighed her by about three times—quite a remarkable angling achievement.

The action took place off Miami and is typical of offshore sharking in the cooler months in Florida. The action isn't limited to hammerheads; depending on where you fish, you may encounter makos and bull sharks in deep water, or fish the flats in the Keys for spinners, lemons and nurse sharks.

One of the unique things about Florida sharking is that you don't have to travel 20 to 30 miles offshore to catch them. The day we fished with Captain Dudas on the L&H we were within 10 miles of the beach.

I've had a lot of fun catching sharks at the Hump off Islamorada, a distance of only 14 miles offshore. Other times we've had some neat sharking experiences along the edges of reefs only three miles offshore and also at the bridges that string the Keys together. you can even catch them off the beach standing at the bridge

Captain Barry Dudas, on left, of the L & H, a charter boat based at Crandell Park, Key Biscayne, helps his son Brett haul a hammerhead to the scales for weigh in.

abutments. From Juno Beach to Miami there are sharkers who delight in catching big sharks from piers and from the jetties—try that up North! One of the largest hammerheads I ever saw was caught, or at least hooked, by an angler fishing off the bridge at Bahia Honda Park near Marathon. That huge hammerhead finally broke off, but it was BIG.

Most sharkers in Florida on the inshore grounds prefer to anchor up near bridge abutments where they intersect with a deep channel or they will anchor at the edge of a reef where it drops into deep water.

Chumming attracts the fish to the boat just like up north, but the bait is often live snappers or grunts rather than dead fillets of mackerel or bunker.

If you fish the deeper blue water, you can drift. The Gulf Stream moves very fast along the Keys and Miami area and it is not unusual to cover several miles in only a morning's fishing.

Islamorada's Hump is more than one hump. There are actually several huge lumps in the area and drifting over them can pay off with catches of makos, bulls, hammerheads and sometimes even billfish. While comparing notes with a friend who trailers his Grady White to the Keys each winter, I learned that Tom caught a blue marlin while drifting a 200 fathom edge off Marathon—wire leader and all. The fish weighed 413 pounds!

Makos of the Keys are the same species that we catch off the Mid-Atlantic Bight, but they act differently from the makos we are accustomed to catching: they don't jump! Perhaps the warm water makes them sluggish. I don't have a good answer, but most Florida anglers aren't aware of the great jumping abilities of the makos and may even look at you funny when you tell them how they jump when we catch them up North.

Flats fishing for sharks is a lot of fun. A guide is a big help, but you can do it on your own. Many years back on one of my first trips to the Keys, I fished with a buddy who had trailered his tin boat to Islamorada. Jack and I fished the bridges at Channel Two for tarpon, but had no luck with the silver kings. Instead we caught bull sharks and hammerheads. In three nights of fishing, we brought to boat nine sharks that ranged in size from five to 13 feet—the largest hammerhead measuring almost as long as Jack's 14 foot boat.

Since that time we've used bigger boats and have taken some fish that were even larger. While making a run over to the Bahamas to Walkers Cay, we tagged and released another very large hammerhead. It ate a blackfin tuna and somehow stayed on for over an hour until we got the fish to the boat. Just as the tag was jabbed in him, the shark opened his mouth and let go of the tuna! He was never hooked; just didn't want to give up his free meal.

Florida's wrecks and reefs provide diversions like this big 'cuda.

I use the same tackle that I use up north for sharking, and use the same leaders and hook sizes. Some Florida sharkers use floats, others prefer to add a lot of weight to get down deep for better catches. Try both ways. Sometimes you may have good action with a bait near the surface; other times you want the bait right on the bottom.

Shallow water sharking is always better with live bait and while anchored on a wreck or reef, we catch small bait like snappers and grunts, then toss out the baits further back in the slick until a customer comes along. Sometimes you get surprised by barracuda or a cobia, but because of the heavy leader you usually catch only sharks.

As you catch the baits, just drop them in the live well and if you start to run out, you can always put a few small baited hooks down on the reef to add to the bait supply at any time.

While not so glamorous perhaps as fishing for tarpon or bonefish, sharking is still excellent sport and sharks are usually very reliable. If you trailer your own boat to the south this winter for just for a vacation once a year, try sharking Florida style. If you don't have your own boat to bring with you, there are numerous guides and captains who can take you out for an enjoyable day. It's fun and you stand the chance of catching some really big sharks.

HOT WATER TARPON

by Gary Diamond

More years ago than I care to remember, I was in the employ of Uncle Sam's Navy and stationed in Key West, Florida. When you're 17 years old (as I was at the time), you're looking for something exciting to do and at that time, Key West was not the entertainment capital of the Eastern Seaboard. In fact, it was almost as exciting as watching the grass grow on your front lawn. There was absolutely nothing to do other than go fishing or skin diving. Not knowing how good the fishing was at that time, I decided to take a firsthand look at the underwater world in the nearby harbor. The waters were gin clear and warm near the shrimp docks and a wet suit was not required, even though it was the middle of January. Upon entering the water, I was treated to a sight I'll never forget: tarpon by the thousands.

One of the first things our Navy instructor taught us was most fish in saltwater have teeth—lots of sharp dentures that can quickly remove a finger, hand or leg if you're not careful; but the tarpon are one of the few animals that don't possess these deadly tools. I had no trouble approaching to within inches of these 150 pound monsters and the thought immediately crossing my mind was what kind of battle these fish would put up at the end of a spinning rod.

Within an hour, I had returned to the base, changed clothes and headed to the nearest sporting goods shop for a brand new fishing outfit to take on a tarpon. At first, the owner of the store thought I was some sort of nut. Why would I fish for tarpon when there were grunts, yellowtail, grouper and red snapper in the harbor in good numbers. But, upon my insistence, he reluctantly sold me what was needed to do the job on the mighty tarpon.

The rig then consisted of a stout boat rod with stainless guides and a hickory handle. The reel was a Penn level-wind loaded with several hundred yards of heavy nylon line which had a stretch factor of 200 percent. The only other item need was bait and I was to catch that at the piers—blue runners and pinfish. Armed with a few live shrimp and some small hooks, I set about to catch a few baitfish next to the pilings. This task took all of five minutes. Then it was just a matter of changing rigs and floating my offering to the waiting tarpon.

I was positive these fish wouldn't be tough to catch after reading an article by Joe Brooks where he took several on a fly rod, but these fish all seemed to have lockjaw and completely ignored my bait. What was I doing wrong?

Upon my return to the shrimp docks the next day, I received an education from one of the locals. He was fast into an 80 pounder that was airborne more than in the water. The fish seemed to have gone berserk and did everything possible to get off the hook, but to no avail—30 minutes later it was finning on its side, exhausted from the long battle. The angler took one look at my rig and noted the steel leader. Tarpon are extremely leader shy and head in the opposite direction when they see the steel. My hooks, although brand new, were dull and even if I had hooked one of these giants, the hook would not have penetrated the tough mouth. A bit of work with an old mill file on the hook and a change to 100 pound test mono leader and I was ready to take on the world's most fascinating gamester.

While waiting for the first bite, the local angler and I talked about fishing. I was curious to know why these fish congregated in this one particular area during a time of year when the waters are not quite warm enough for swimming outside the harbor area. "See them smokestacks," he said, pointing to the inland edge of the harbor, "there's hot water coming out of the pipes just below them." The stacks were billowing smoke from the Key West Power and Light Company where electricity was being produced.

The steam-powered turbines could be heard whining and the cooling

These tarpon are notorious for their aerial acrobatics. This one caught an angler by surprise at boatside.

waters drawn from the harbor were gushing from the pipes which attracted thousands of tiny baitfish. "Now boy, look at them boats. Them's shrimp boats and the shrimpers will dump the heads overboard in a few hours." I was impressed—this guy really knew a lot about fishing for tarpon. A few minutes later my first tarpon slowly swam off with the bait deep in its mouth. "Hit him boy—set that damned hook and try to bust the rod." I followed his instructions to the letter. I set the hook so hard I nearly fell off the pier and my first tarpon was airborne.

Needless to say, I was hooked on this kind of fishing for life. The 90 pounder jumped more than a dozen times during the 30 minute battle and nearly burned the drag out of the reel. Fortunately, the equipment held together and now the fish was finning on its side next to the pier. "Good fish, boy, but he's a mite on the small side," the man said. He then tapped the line with his cigar causing the line to snap like a shot. At first I was extremely upset, but was soon told about the eating quality of the tarpon and didn't argue the point further.

While the base commander had a tough time keeping tabs on the other guys in our outfit, he never had a problem locating me the entire time I was stationed in Key West. Unless on official duty, I was never more than a few blocks from the Naval Station and always had a fishing rod with me. It was a sad day in my life when three months later I was transferred to a ship based in Norfolk, but I vowed to return to the Keys and learn more about these giants.

As the years passed, tarpon fever started to overcome my every thought. It became an obsession to return to the sunny South and take on one of the greatest fish I had ever encountered. Finally, the opportunity presented itself and I was on my way in February of 1978. The interstate was now completed to the Florida turnpike and in less than 20 hours, we approached Key Largo at the edge of the Everglades—sthe final leg of the journey. Three hours later and hundreds of narrow bridges, the sign saying Route 1 ends came into view.

A lot of things had changed in Key West. There were more people and homes than I had seen in the past, but the water was still gin clear and the stacks to the Key West Power and Light Company still loomed above the city, belching their yellow smoke. Within 30 minutes, the boat was launched and we were under way to the nearby harbor. As we motored past the Navy hydrofoils, I was greeted to the sight of thousands of huge tarpon rolling on the surface.

The hot water had once again attracted the tarpon to the harbor, but this time I was not using that old pool cue fishing rod with its level wind reel, but a new, custom graphite spinning rod that weighed just four ounces and a Shimano MLX-300 reel loaded with 12 pound test mono. Instead of drifting pinfish, we were now casting 52-M-11 Mirrolures and retrieving them slowly past the piers. It didn't take long to get the first tarpon's attention. Within half a dozen casts, I had a jolting strike and the first giant was airborne, shaking its massive head and trying to dislodge the hook.

Since that 1978 trip, I've managed to get back to the Keys every year and believe it or not, this is not an expensive venture. Many anglers trailer their own boats from "up North" and motels range from $40 to $55 per day. If the cost of gas and accommodations is divided among a couple of fishing buddies, you could wind up spending no more than $20 per person a day. Don't eat a lot of meals at expensive restaurants and you'll be amazed at how little the cost of such a trip really is. I've never spent more than $400 for a week's fishing at Key West and that includes all expenses.

If you have the opportunity to take a week off during the winter, I highly recommend heading for the Florida Keys. The tarpon fishing is good throughout most of the year, but if you grow weary of catching the silver giants, there's always cobia, grouper, grunts, snapper, king mackerel, sailfish, yellowtail and barracuda. All of these fish are a stone's throw from Key West Harbor and easily accessible to the small boat owner.

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WHERE SNOW BIRDS ROOST

by Dick Mermon

The Tampa Bay area has become quite an attraction to anglers fleeing cold northern winters. The author tells why.

When "Ol' Man Winter" begins casting his icy shadow in our direction, it is the prelude to another seasonal change, one that stimulates the "snow birds" to seek a more temperate climate. Normally, this yearly migratory route of featherless angling migrants move along Florida's eastern shoreline, settling mostly in and around the "Gold Coast" region. However, the past few years has seen a slight change in the path of these chilly nomads towards the western part of the state, where they have chosen to roost in the area encompassing Tampa Bay.

Thirty nautical miles long and about 15 miles wide, Tampa Bay sustains winter stocks of silver trout, red fish, spotted sea trout, summer flounder (fluke), bluefish, black drum, rockfish (sea bass), sheepshead, whiting (what Northerners call kingfish), jack cravalle, ladyfish, tarpon, snook, and including three species of catfish and sharks. The three counties—Manatee, Hillsbourgh, Pinellas—which surround Tampa Bay, offer anglers easy access from shore, bridge, boat, pier, sea walls, roadsides, bulkhead docks, plus several charter and party boats.

Anglers who relish the technique of wading and casting from shore will discover the bay's entire shoreline to be relatively shallow in depth, except in the main shipping arteries. This, however, does not affect fishing and during certain periods of the day and tidal flows, fish become extremely active. Most often the bottom is of hard sand, either covered or patched with turtle grass. There are few hazards, such as coral or debris to step on, but stingrays, which also utilize this "skinny water" are dangerous if stepped on. When wading, it is best to shuffle, or drag your feet along the bottom, rather than high step it.

The water temperature in Tampa Bay during the winter months is usually comfortable enough for wading with merely sneakers and long trousers. It is advisable, though, to bring a pair of waders, just in case conditions change. There will be times during January and February when the water drops below 60 degrees. It is then that the warm water outflows of the electrical power plants should be fished.

Speckled sea trout, silver trout, red fish, flounder and snook are yearly residents of this shallow water and are found cruising the weedless trails between the grass patches and/or at the edges of the weedy flats. They work into these areas on a rising tide to search for shrimp, crabs, small finger mullet, silversides and greenback minnows.

There are three significant facts to consider when fishing Tampa Bay: proper bait or lure, the manner in which each are presented, and water temperature. Surface lures are primarily used when the water temperature is between 65 and 72 degrees. Some of the more effective surface lures used by local anglers are Rhoden's Johnny Rattler; Rebel's Leapin' Minnow; Heddon's Zara Spook; Rebel's five inch Floating Minnow; and Rapala's Magnum Minnow. These lures are cast out and twitched along the surface quite rapidly, especially the Rattler, Leapin' Minnow and Spook. They must be made to create a darting, side-to-side, zig-zag motion, what is called "dog tail wagging." It creates surface commotion, but not excessively enough to scare a fish off. Redfish have a tendency to swirl at surface baits, often missing them. Due to the position of their mouths, they have to roll or turn upside down when making a pass at a moving lure. If this should occur, slow the retrieve down slightly, but do not stop it. On the other hand, speckled trout strike with a vengeance and are usually hooked on the first pass. Swimming-floating lures are retrieved in a diving-darting fashion, never straight forward. It is a

Bridge catwalks are a favorite location for local and visiting anglers in this area.

retrieve, then pause, then retrieve once again. This action permits the lure to imitate an injured minnow trying to dive, but who cannot quite make it.

Leadhead jigs are the plum of artificials used in Tampa Bay. They represent the bay's main forage—shrimp. These lures are basically an everyday of the year lure and particularly during the winter months. Jigs popular in the area are Mann's Stingray Grub, in a white color; Boone's Tout Tail in pink and their Haw River shrimp tail in dark green. Bucktails and imitation hair lures are effective at certain periods of the summer months and at night.

Recently, I discovered during cooler water periods that fish were greatly interested in brighter colored jigs. A "Yankee" design, improvised from a three inch fluorescent red plastic tube, feathered at its end by a multitude of lengthwise cuts, or cut on a single bias taper, such as the Tiger Tail, worked well here. The tube is slipped onto a 1/4 or 1/2 ounce jighead, and bounced along the bottom like any leadhead.

Native anglers claim when the other two schemes fail, it is time to switch to a sub-surface or slow-sinking lure like Bagley's Finger Mullet or the MirroLure (#52M-11) in red and white or gold colors. These lures are retrieved with a long sweep of the rod, followed by two short twitches of the tip, then stopping and allowing it to rest. As the lure begins slowly sinking, it is slightly twitched again. This is usually when the strike occurs.

Natural baits still remain the favorite and the most productive technique of novice and seasoned Tampa Bay anglers. Shrimp are the dominant bait, followed by live pinfish, finger mullet, cut mullet, silversides, greenback minnows, rock and blue claw crabs.

The use of shrimp is a very easy method and can be accomplished with either live or dead bait. A single hook is embedded into the shrimp's tail or through the head, just below the horn, then cast out and free-lined in the tidal current. A float, attached two feet above the baited shrimp will maintain it at a constant level. The addition of a weight to the line allows coverage of mid-depth ranges as well as along the bottom.

Placing a piece of shrimp onto a jig compounds the lure's magnetism. Now, not only does the lure have sex appeal, but it has aroma as well. The only fault found with this technique, is that everything in the bay dines on shrimp, including "trash" fish.

Live pinfish and mullet are often used in conjunction with a bottom fishing rig and an egg or barrel type sinker. This oval weight permits the line free passage through its center when a fish takes the bait. In using a crab for bait, it is first cut into halves, or quarters, then placed onto the bottom rig. This natural offering is generally fished in deep water areas for black drum, sheepshead, redfish and

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A nice string of Sheepshead taken from the pilings of the Gandy Bridge on crab chunks.

Tampa Bay's flats produce some excellent speckled trout action.

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snook.

Access sites to Tampa Bay are almost endless. The entire shoreline is productive, but with definite locations more so than others. Bridge catwalks, provided by the State Department of Transportation, are the foremost preference of local fishermen as well as those who visit from the North. These wooden structures are intensely productive and totally unpredictable, especially at night. Every piscatorial creature takes refuge beneath, or near bridge stanchions. Four major bridges and causeways span Tampa Bay, with a multitude of smaller ones too numerous to count. Each mini-span connects to either an island, or passes over an estuary bordering the bay.

Courtney Campbell Causeway (Route 60) and the Gandy Bridge Causeway (Route 92), are two excellent locations for snow bird anglers to roost. They can fish from the bridge walkways, or the entire length of the causeway and sea walls. These two causeway bridges are located in Tampa Bay's northernmost sector. There is a third route, which I would suggest not attempting to fish. Dubbed Howard Franklin Bridge (Route 275), this is the "only" area around the bay that is off-limits to fishing. In fact, there is no parking of any sort (except emergency) along the 14 mile stretch. Even though no signs have been posted prohibiting fishing, the state police strictly enforce the "on the books law."

The Sunshine Skyway, which is actually an extension of Route 275 below St. Petersburg, has parking and fishing facilities. From beginning to end, there are no restrictions other than a vehicle must be off the main portion of the rod. The Skyway Bridge transverses Tampa Bay's mouth. Its lower portion (southern section) is presently under construction, but anglers are not in any way refrained from fishing the Causeway's shore or the two mini-size bridges in the area. Pinellas County maintains a county park called Blackthorn Monument Park, on both sides of the highway in that area and even encouages the use of picnicking and cooking. Along this particular shoreline are grass flats and shallow sand bars extending outward for about 100 yards which can be safely waded. Large turtle grass patches cover the area and are crisscrossed by narrow barren channels, an ideal location for redfish, trout and snook.

Tampa Bay's southeastern shore offers little as far as off-the-road access, but contains some of the most productive water for boat fishermen. The area supports a wild look, with beautiful mangrove-lined shores, tiny estuaries, and deep channels and cuts where snook and redfish hide. Spacious grass flats, shore birds of all types, and a never-ending supply of hungry mosquitoes and no-see-ums round out the scene. It simulates a miniature jungle where only local anglers seem to fish. For a visitor who

trailers a boat, the location is easily reached by one of several public boat launching ramps off Route 41 (which parallels the shoreline at this point), and a few privately owned off-the-road ramps. Local tackle shops in the area can and will direct a visitor to any of these boat launching ramps.

Also located in this southeastern and eastern area of the bay are various county parks, piers and shipping docks where a snow bird angler can cast bait or lure. There are five city and county funded, free public fishing piers within Tampa Bay. St. Petersburg supports the longest of these structures and maintains conveniences such as parking directly on the pier; night lights the entire length; two restaurants; a recreation center, and a bait and tackle shop which has rental tackle. Other fishing piers can be found at Ballast Point Park, located on Inter Bay Blvd., Tampa; Williams Park Pier, in Gibsonton; Picnic Park Pier, in Port of Tampa; and Safety Harbor Pier, in the city of Safety Harbor. These structures are not merely extensions stuck out in any old spot, but have been specifically located in the better fishing areas.

Winter nomads who tow their boats south will find a generous supply of boat launching areas bordering the big bay, ranging from extra wide cement ramps, to backwater, off-the-road cutouts and private launches. Fees for launching are usually free at city, county and state ramps, but private ones customarily charge a nominal fee of one or two dollars. Occasionally, these out-of-the-way ramps put you right into the spot to fish rather than a free one, several miles away.

Local tackle shops and most sporting goods stores throughout the Tampa Bay area can supply a visiting angler with up-to-date information on fishing conditions, water temperature, best locations and tides. Winter months bring on very unusual tidal flows and sometimes no changes take place for several days. The year's lowest mean tides occur during the winter season and are influenced by the Gulf of Mexico, moon phases and wind direction. As a result of this unusual situation, it would be wise to check with a tackle shop as to what the tide will, or will not be for the day. Also, various locations have different tidal flows and the highs and lows will vary drastically in time.

Information as to exact fishing locations within Tampa Bay can further be obtained from a fishing chart distributed by the Florida Sportsman publication (Fishing Chart #707). It reveals all the species that are found in the bay, tips on how to catch them, favorite haunts of where each may be found and water depths for navigation.

If you are a salty snow bird who migrates south each winter seeking to expand a fishing season, the "Sun Coast" is worth a try. The result may be a permanent roost somewhere around Tampa Bay.

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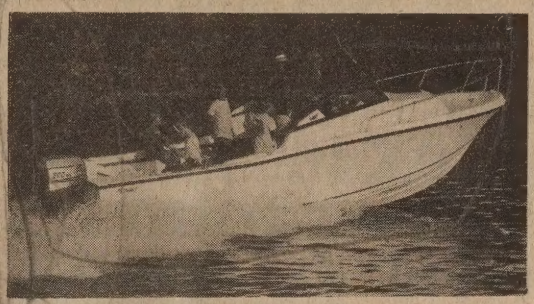

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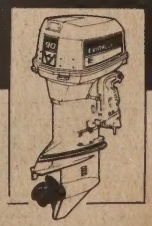

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FISH THE GULF COAST WRECKS

by Russ Wilson

Looking for some superb fishing without hocking the family jewels? Give the wrecks a try—you'll be pleasantly surprised.

It was snowing and the air temperature registered a bone-chilling 28 degrees as I climbed aboard a 727 bound for Miami, Florida. It was a dirty job that had to be done. Paul Johnson of Berkley Trilene Fishing Line at Spirit Lake, Iowa had invited a group of outdoor scribes to Key West to see firsthand what was going on in the fishing line industry. As an aside to the daily lectures and slide presentations, our group was scheduled to use the newest lines under actual fishing situations. Too bad, but it had to be done in the name of scientific advancement.

That was back in December of 1982. All I was leaving behind was some snow, frigid air and not too much in the way of fishing along our part of the coast. You can bet Mr. Johnson did not have to do much arm twisting to get this reporter on that Florida bound jet!

A connecting flight from Miami to Key West went off without a hitch and within five hours I was sipping something tall and cool on the veranda of the Marriot Casa Marina Resort in Key West. Not too shabby at all. Air temperatures were in the upper 80 degree range and the waters of the Atlantic looked invitingly cool as the tiny waves gently pushed onto the beach. The bevy of well-tanned lovelies sunning themselves on the beach didn't detract too much from the scenery either.

The following morning our group met at the hotel restaurant for a quick meal and we were off to the classroom for some interesting lessons on monofilament lines and what makes them tick. There's no doubt that Paul Johnson knows his business when it comes to the intricacies of mono and in the coming days all of us had a hands-on opportunity to see for ourselves what can and cannot be done with a premium monofilament line such as Berkley Trilene.

Anyway, as much as I enjoyed the classroom, the aqua waters were beckoning and those fishing rods, reels and lures I carried from Jersey were gathering dust in the hotel room. On the third day we climbed aboard the Dalis, a sleek 65 foot charter boat that usually operates out of Marco River Marina on the Florida West Coast.

Bottom fish such as grouper, yellowtail, and snappers are the normal fare for Gulf Coast wreck fishermen. On occasion a school of big tarpon like this one will move in to feed on the abundant supply of smaller baitfish.

Captain Gene Luciano keeps that boat cleaner than I do our back yard. You just don't see any grit or grime on the shining hull of his Dalis and when it comes to fishing, Luciano is just as meticulous in his approach to wreck or bottom fishing.

Our first stop was a well-known wreck located in the Gulf. This wreck receives heavy pressure from private boaters because it is easy to reach with a mid-size center console fishing machine and on the day we fished it there were two other boats plus a salvage ship already there when we arrived. No matter, we dropped live Lane snappers, blue runners and squirrel fish down into the depths and immediately began to haul groupers, barracuda and jacks from the deep. My first fish, a cobia estimated at better than 50 pounds, grabbed a live squirrel fish and took off to the races. It was 15 minutes before I finally brought the beaten fish to boat-side and then it regained its freedom when the gaff failed to penetrate its rubbery tough skin.

Al Ristori fishing next to me along the stern rail reared back on his heavy duty bottom fishing tackle and was almost dragged over the gunnel and something big and fierce headed for the wreck with Al's hook firmly embedded in its jaw. After a brief but determined battle, Ristori hoisted a 50 pound jewfish onto the deck.

Not too bad a start for a group of pilgrims!

Incidentally, that wreck is known as the Luckenbach and it is marked on most of the Gulf Coast charts that are available at tackle shops located in the lower Keys.

That afternoon Captain Gene craned up the diesels and pointed the Dalis' nose south. We were off to the Dry Tortugas for some more wreck fishing and a sightseeing tour of the abandoned fort. That alone made up for the crossing. The brick fort was once the home of many armed soldiers, but the lack of any fresh water made it more of a prison than a base.

We spent one day of "in the field training" with Paul Johnson and his team of Scuba divers doing a variety

of tests on the newest Trilene lines. It is amazing just how little pressure most anglers expend when setting the hook on a running fish.

One of the divers took the line and swam off with it in his hand and each fisherman was instructed to set the hook as he would do under normal fishing situations. None of us put enough force into the strike to break ten pound test mono!

Anyway, once we finished the testing, we toured Fort Jefferson and did some snorkelling. It was my first—and maybe last—attempt and I almost bought the farm when I tried to swallow the contents of the Gulf of Mexico singlehanded.

We came to fish and fish we did. Those Dry Tortugas reefs are stiff with fish and a hook baited with a strip of fresh fish was quickly taken by groupers, snappers, blue runners, jacks, African pompano and too many other species to list. On light tackle these are fish that have "shoulders" and it was very easy to pop the light mono lines many of us had rigged on popping outfits.

The majority of wrecks located on the Atlantic Coast side are loaded with big amberjack. If you've never tussled with a 50 pound amberjack you have missed out on one of life's greatest pleasures. I mean to tell you these fish are fighters that will leave you arm weary in a hurry.

You can go as expensive or as economical as you desire when planning a fishing trip to the Florida Gulf Coast. Hotels such as the Casa are by no means inexpensive. But there are others where you can find lodging—and decent meals—for very reasonable rates during the winter season. Some of the motels along the Gulf side of Key West cater to anglers and have rates for day, week or month that compare with motels along the Jersey Shore during the tourist season.

There are charter and party boats sailing from the Key West Harbor and from many of the nearby islands (Keys). Rates will vary but are comparable to those charged at other tourist oriented areas of the Atlantic. Quite often a charter captain will offer half-day rates and will arrange for others to join you to help defray costs. A lot of the charter boats which cater to big game anglers operate in this manner with several persons splitting the cost of a day's fishing.

We fished one very small wreck in the Gulf with Mark Williams on his Mako 224 (which is the same boat I operate when fishing New Jersey waters) and had a ball catching 'cuda, cobia, groupers, snappers and yellowtail. A school of tarpon passed close and we could have cast lures to them if we had been ready; so you really don't know exactly what will grab your bait or lure when fishing one of these Gulf Coast fish havens.

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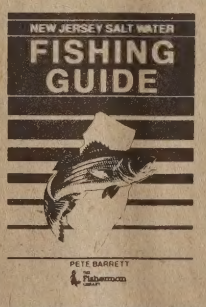

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SANTEE COOPER COUNTRY

by Eric Burnley

Some fabulous winter sport awaits anglers who travel to this landlocked fishing paradise.

The fabulous fishing in Santee-Cooper, South Carolina was something I heard about, but never experienced until recently. Last month I took a little drive down I-95 and got some firsthand experience with the big bass in Lake Marion. The stories I had heard were not exaggerated; the fishing is fabulous.

I arrived in Santee on a very warm November day, but the weather forecaster predicted a change to colder weather overnight as a cold front moved in from the north. In the fall, these cold front passages can trigger some great bass fishing if you know where to position yourself to take advantage of the fish's movement from shallow to deep water.

While in South Carolina I was the guest of the Santee-Cooper County's Promotion Commission and acting Director Patti Conner made arrangements for me to fish with Jack Harri-

The author and Evan Means show off a nice catch of Santee-Cooper bass taken from Lake Marion.

son, a guide out of Bell's Marina on Lake Marion. Jack has fished these waters for many years and felt he knew where the bass would be. His feelings proved correct.

Jack, fellow writer Evan Means and I left the dock before sunrise and were fishing within minutes. The sky was gray and a cold wind was building out of the northwest, but the temperature was still in the 60s as the front had not yet passed. Jack decided to move into deeper water before the real cold air arrived; so we motored between some islands to a very remote part of the lake.

Even with the gray overcast, it was easy to see the beauty of this area. Trees were colored in reds, oranges, and greens; great blue herons and wood ducks sailed overhead or waded along the shoreline and, best of all, the bass were there.

Jack connected first with a nice sized fish that hit a motor oil fleck worm rigged Texas style and fished with a fairly fast retrieve. We were fishing over a weed bed and the idea was to keep the lure just above the weeds to tempt the bass into striking.

Evan scored next, taking a pickerel on a crank bait. Jack, being a true bass fisherman, shook the pickerel off the hook without bringing him into the boat.

Finally it was my turn. I had been casting with a variety of crank baits, trying to find one that ran close enough to the weeds to attract a bass, but not down in the grass where it would become fouled. I had settled on a shiner-colored Shad Rap and was working it with short, fast retrieves followed by a brief pause.

After one of the pauses it felt as though I had hooked one of those big cypress trees. I set back hard and the tree began to thrash about on the surface, attracting Jack's attention. He immediately dropped his rod into the bottom of the boat and grabbed the oversized landing net. In spite of a series of instructions from Jack and Evan, I managed to get the big bass close enough to the boat for Jack to slip the net under it. This was the biggest bass I had ever seen, let alone caught. We put it in the live well and back at Bell's Marina it weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. While this is not a bragging size bass in Santee-Cooper country, it sure is at home where the fish will be displayed on my wall.

Two or three more bass in the two to three pound range were landed and released as the front came through bringing a brief, but cold shower. The wind began to howl out of the northwest and fishing was becoming difficult, so we packed up and headed in.

I was scheduled to fish for striped bass in the afternoon with Lloyd Chadwick out of Mill Creek Landing. The sun was beginning to peek through the clouds as I arrived at the dock, but the wind was still blowing hard. Lloyd figured the water would be too rough for fishing in the middle of Lake Marion, so we stayed close to the lee shore drifting with live shiners.

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The bait is fished on a single 1/0 hook tied directly to 10 to 15 pound test running line. A half ounce in line sinker is twisted on 18 inches above the hook. A flasher is used to locate baitfish and the shiner is worked 8 to 15 feet below the surface. The bottom is covered with tree stumps and other obstructions, so you must watch the flasher and keep your rig high enough to avoid the snags. We were drifting over the old Santee River bed where water depths varied from 10 to 30 feet.

The fact that I cannot catch striped bass is well documented and this was only another chapter in the long story. While we went fishless, Dan and Ginny McKain, fishing in Lake Moultrie, caught their 10-fish limit of stripers. The two lakes are joined by a diversion canal and I suspect a mass exodus of rockfish occurred from Marion to Moultrie as soon as I dropped my first bait overboard.

Later in the afternoon the wind died down, so Lloyd decided to run out on the lake and look for birds working over schools of rock. Needless to say, this also proved fruitless and I felt sorry for the other folks out on the same lake with a rockfish jinx like me.

With fishing action a little slow, I was able to ask Lloyd about some of the other sport available in local waters. He told me about schools of white bass chasing bait on the surface, catfish that weigh up to 70 pounds and which could top the 100 pound mark in the next few years, as well as loads of crappie and sunfish that will always save the day if other fishing is slow. In other words, Santee-Cooper country is a fishing paradise.

To reach Santee-Cooper country from the north, take I-95 south to exit 98 or 102 in South Carolina. All the marinas, motels and campgrounds are a short drive from either exit. The room rates for motels vary, but I stayed at the Econo Lodge where the rate was $21.95 single and $24.95 double.

There are many campgrounds around the lakes. I visited the Rocks Pond Campground on Saturday evening and found it to be one of the finest I have ever seen. Every facility is available from boat launch to hayrides and the rates are very reasonable.

Due to the mild winter weather in South Carolina, the lakes never freeze, so you can fish there all year. Striper fishing is best in the winter as these fish school up and chase bait close to the surface. The largemouths are always available, but do move to deeper water in colder weather. All things considered, Santee-Cooper country is a fine place to spend a winter fishing vacation.

TOURING WITH TACKLE

by Marty & Jan Garrell

The authors, veterans of numerous angling jaunts, tell how to get that pet rod to its destination in one piece.

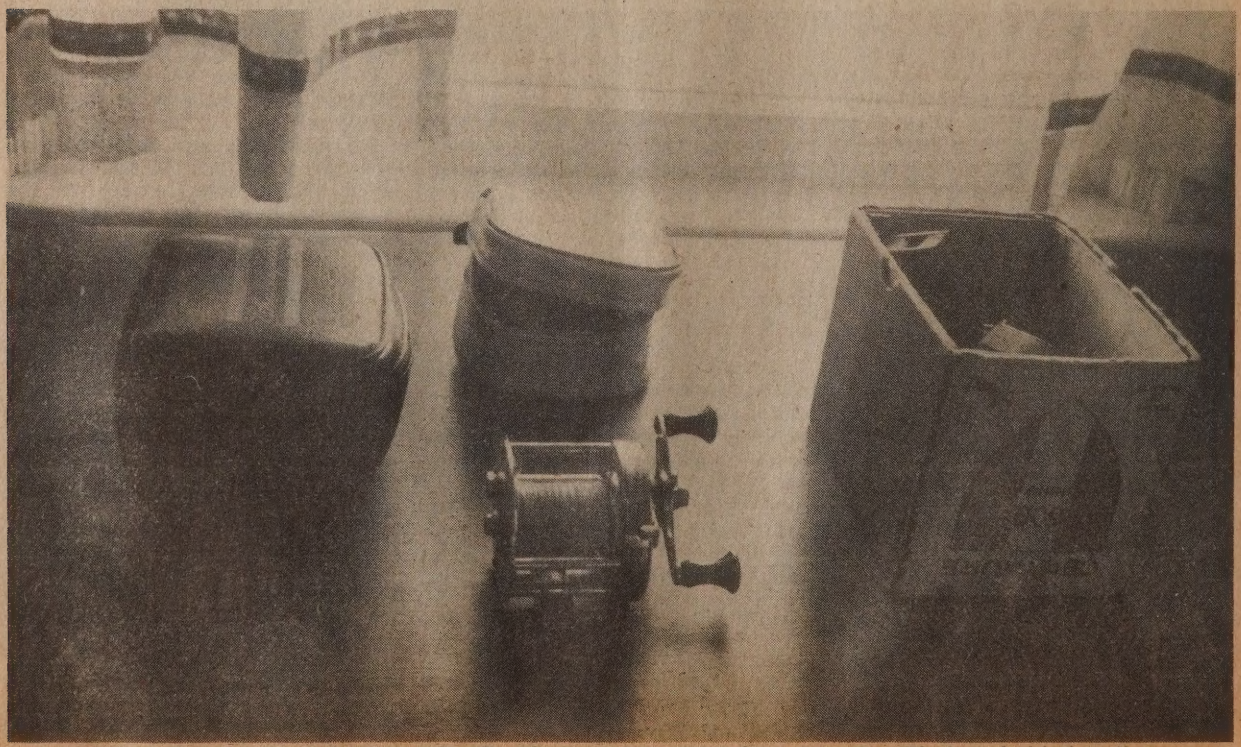
Depending on one's approach to organization, touring with tackle is either the easiest thing in the world or the hardest. If you happen to be one of those fortunate ones who can lay out gear quickly and methodically, the task of packing is not only easy, but fun as well. Play some of your favorite tapes or records in the background, put out some nibbles and drink, and take plenty of time. If, however, you are someone who carries his or her whole world in the back of a station wagon or van and merely adds another carton or two to set up the next fishing trip, prep time is a time to dread!

Fortunately, anyone can play the travel game, given sufficient time and space. Deciding what you really need and separating the unnecessary items are the first steps, and they're best done with a checklist. When the list grows unmanageable, warning flags should begin flying. Weight limits on flights are not quite so critical now as they once were, but there's a limit to the practicality of "the great schlep," bringing gear in and out of terminals. If you look like St. Nick, and your bags won't fit comfortably in a cart, you have some problems!

Last year, we were on our way to Oregon with a stopover to see friends in San Francisco, and we had trimmed our packs to be more flexible getting in and out of airline terminals. We thought we were okay until friends met us at the terminal in San Francisco, grabbed the cart we'd loaded with fishing gear, and found that the elevators descending to the parking area were too crowded. What to do? One of our friends simply spun the cart away from the elevators and plunged down two flights of stairs with rods and tackle bouncing in all directions. Fortunately, everything survived.

It goes without saying that all rods should be packed carefully, either singly or in clusters, into tubes or cases made of metal or heavy PVC plastic with well fastened ends. Whenever possible, pack every rod by itself in a cloth bag in order to cushion blows that can bend guides or shake ceramic rings loose. It's hard to believe how easily those cases can get whacked around while being loaded onto or off of aircraft. For increased rigidity, band individual rod cases together to make one super cluster which can hold its own in the battle of the ramps and conveyor belts.

We fondly recall our first experiences with 8 and 9 foot, one-piece rods on yesterday's aircraft, prop-driven DC-6s. In those years, it was no big deal to carry our sticks aboard and slide them into position along a series of arm rests. Sometimes three passengers in successive window seats would have to acquiesce, but they generally did so. Besides, those rods made great conversation pieces. With tight seating, reservations, and safety regulations in modern jets, such stash jobs would be out of the question today. We now pack only two-piece light tackle, three-piece fly rods, or boat or trolling rods with detachable butts. Most of these rods



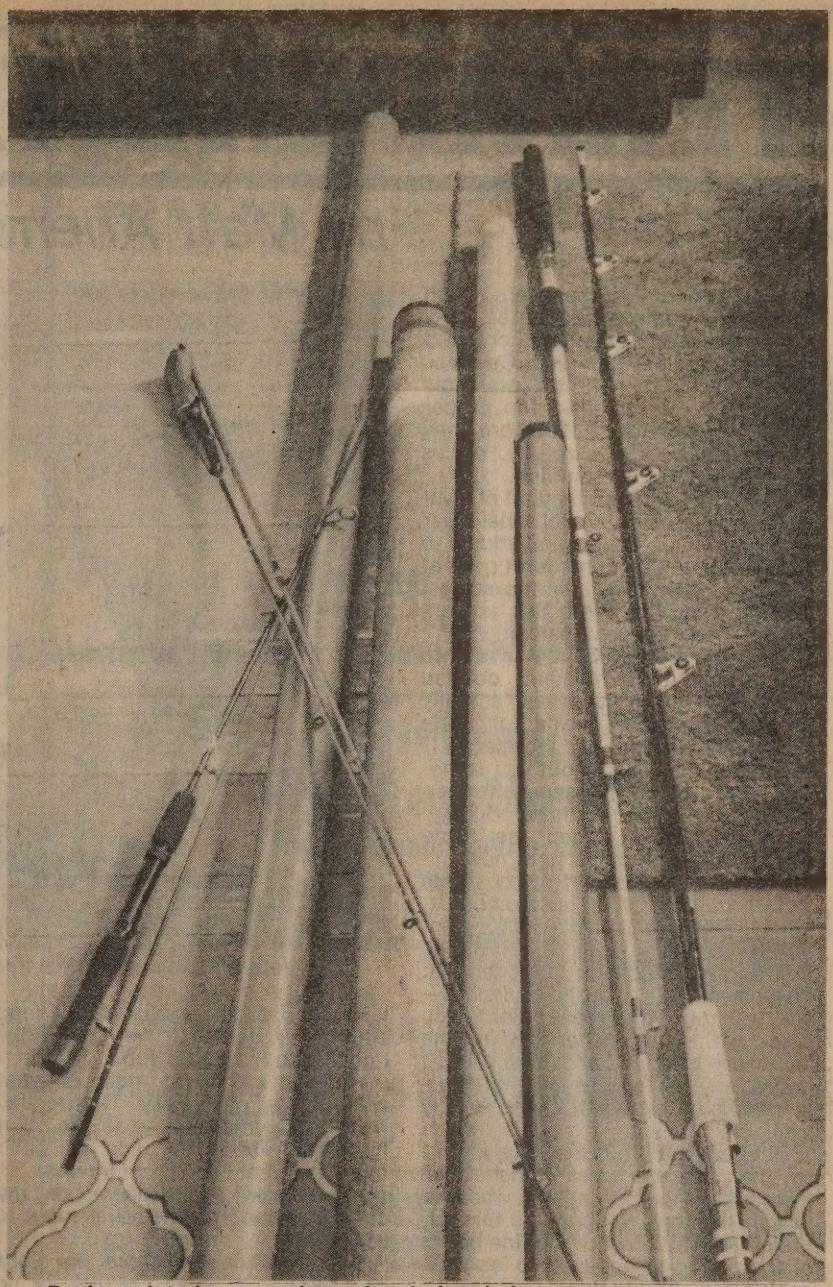
Suitable carrying cases must fit all rods, one-piece, two-piece, or rods with detachable handles.

can be cased to fit easily inside compact station wagons. If one has to rent a truly tiny compact car at the other end of the trip, it may be necessary to open a window, but that's no problem—unless it's 25 degrees outside and a blizzard is raging.

Although we have qualms about packing rods into the belly of a jumbo jet and having a stick or two damaged or lost, replacement would be inconvenient, but possible. Not so with some of our reels or collections of lures of fly boxes! Hence, we make up a tote bag containing these items. Reels are cushioned in pouches, boxes, or cloth bags, and kits of tackle are sealed with tape and rubber bands for extra security. Otherwise, you may be picking diamond jigs out of your toiletries kit on arrival. Generally, we don't stash gear in large plastic tackle boxes which would have to endure the crush of loaded luggage, but small tackle boxes that can be carried aboard as hand luggage are a good idea. Naturally, our camera cases are carry-aboards as well!

Certain accessories like gaffs and waders present problems, however. Living in Europe many years ago we found that not all boats carried enough gaffs and that many of the gaffs used for offshore codfishing were rather inadequate, crude and weak. Thus, we'd tape covers onto the points of our gaffs and carry them on long trips. One of our frequent destinations was an island, Helgoaland, in the North Sea, reachable by an excursion boat that was crowded on weekends. Plunging into a crowd with gaff hooks pointed forward ensured us plenty of room for us and our gear! As far as waders go, they are hard to live with because of their weight and bulk, but they are even harder to live without. Nobody but a madman would expect to fish for winter steelhead or Atlantic salmon in knee-high boots or hipboots. An extra-large duffel will pack a pair of waders nicely and protect them from tears and rips. The only way to get more protection is to slip them into a solid suitcase of metal or leather, but who needs mud and gravel mixed among dress shirts, suits, and ties?

A piece by Jim Chapralis in IGFA's *World Record Game Fishes*, 1983 edition, advises tourists against ticketing tackle through to small airports and camps, and suggests that such gear be reclaimed at intermediate stops where transfers will be made. This seems to be sound advice because with domestic and international flights becoming increasingly crowded, the chances of having gear go astray increase all the time. If you have packed properly and your luck holds, the missing luggage will not be your fishing gear. Some three years ago, we were flying to a business conference in Bozeman, Montana, and had scheduled a pack trip for high country cutthroat trout for prior to the conference. We arrived in Bozeman just fine, but much of our belongings did not. Fortunately, all the rod cases, reel bags, and flies were accounted for. The trout fishing was splendid, and we were able to "make do" with what clothing we had, but the conference was half-over by the time our suits and fancy duds made it out west. As it turned out, nobody seemed to mind when we presented prepared papers in Levi's and sweatshirts.



Reels go into boxes and pouches before being stored in carrying bag.

Strange as it sounds, the airline that messed up the outgoing flight almost did the same on our return. Due to equipment problems, our plane made an unscheduled stop in Minneapolis, and some of the luggage was off-loaded, so that passengers for Chicago could change flights. We remained aboard and happened to glance out the window at the gear coming from the cargo bay. Suddenly we saw our rod cases on their way to the hangar! We explained the problem somewhat hurriedly and somewhat angrily to a flight attendant, who assured us that nothing had really gone wrong, but it relieved us to see our cases on their way back to the aircraft.

No matter how carefully you plan, no matter how meticulously you watch your gear being loaded and unloaded, Murphy's Law Number One, "Whatever can possibly go wrong, will," catches up with you sooner or later. Nevertheless, tourists traveling with tackle become philosophical after awhile. Most of the time, most of your equipment will arrive and serve its purpose. All you need then is for the fishing to be terrific as well!

TERMINAL TACKLE

by Matt Ahern

Picture two sinker bouncers, both fishing the same general area, perhaps within sight of each other, each in the process of rigging up. One dips into his tackle bag and painstakingly selects the correct hook, the proper sinker, and whatever hardware may be necessary. He carefully places these items on the main line.

The other—without thought of right or wrong—selects the terminal gear he hopes will do the job and adds it to the main line. Now, and don't peek at the back of the book for the correct answer, which of these two anglers has the best chance of catching fish?

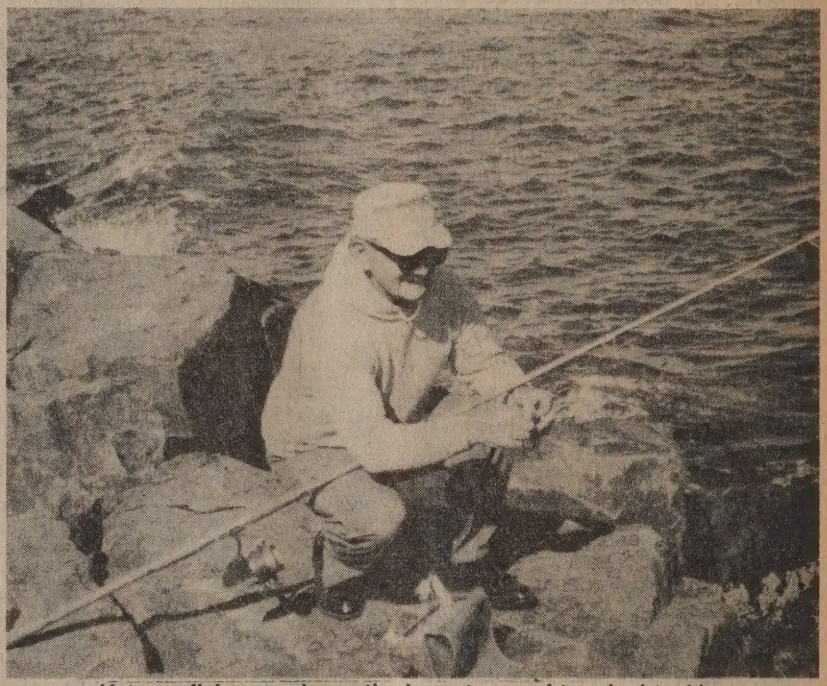
Foolish question? Of course. But to get serious for a moment: do you know how many fishermen actually consider terminal tackle of little importance? I'd say far too many. If you doubt this, look about you someday and check those fishermen getting the action. If those "lucky" fishermen aren't rigged the same way, I'll quit the game right now.

I suppose it's none of my business and I shouldn't get so upset about it, but I become annoyed when I spot fishermen rigged improperly. The first thing that pops into my mind is: "Damn, feller, if you have doubts—and you must have—why don't you check with other fishermen for the necessary information?" I just can't figure any sinker bouncer's reluctance to seek aid when it's so readily available.

But perhaps I'm out of line when I say that, because I recall a fisherman I once knew in the long-ago who was exactly like that. Not only did this guy understand little about the fine points of the game, I happened to be well-acquainted and knew him for a stubborn cuss—which is certainly no asset, especially for a beginning fisherman.

I remember a party boat trip with this fellow which illustrates my point. The target for that day was fluke and we fished that fluke "heaven" known to one and all as Sandy Hook (1920s). I knew this fellow had never caught a fluke before, and because of this you'd think he would have asked someone at the rail for specific information—but not this boy. He just tied on an old beat-up tarred-snell ling hook and began fishing. I guess he was too stupid to notice all those other fishermen using three foot gut leaders.

It was one of those good fishing days and the action was hot. But our boy was just a disgruntled spectator until the skipper noticed his plight. He gave this foolish fisherman the necessary leader and it wasn't long before our doltish friend had fluke flopping in his butter tub.



Veteran fishermen know the importance of terminal tackle.

How do I know so much of what went on that day? Easy. That foolish fisherman, that dolt, was me. But from that moment on, you can bet I took a great deal of interest in terminal tackle. I also deep-sixed my childish stubbornness, never more to return.

You will get nowhere in your chosen sport if you have little or no knowledge of terminal tackle. I'm sure you will agree that only idiots believe that because one starts out in the fishing game with a brand new rod and reel, those so-desperately sought fish will naturally gravitate to one's hooks—hooks which may have been purchased with little thought as to the fish's requirements. Would that fishing were so simple. Those desired fish couldn't care less about that spanking-new rod and reel. Knowledge, not fancy tackle is what puts fish in the bucket.

To a great many sinker bouncers, a hook is a hook. Period. In their new-found zeal for the game, they fail to realize that whatever else is used to put fish in that bucket, it is only an aid to get that thin, curved bit of tempered steel inside the fish's mouth. Those rods and reels that set each of these fishermen back a good day's pay won't do it, nor will the most expensive fishing boat on the market—but that ten cent hook will!

Remember, there is a hook designed specifically for the fish in which you have an interest. It therefore behooves fishermen who wish to excel at their sport to take an abiding interest in fishhooks. A word to the wise is sufficient.

With winter at hand, it's a good idea to send out a few postcards requesting free catalogs from mail order houses which offer fishhooks and various items for sport fishermen, including terminal tackle, leader material, etc. Check the classified section for tackle companies who cater to your needs. I've listed three good sources, but there are many more:

Midland Tackle Co., 66 Rt. 17, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

The Tackle Box, Dillingham Ave., Falmouth, MA 02540

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Fishermen should take advantage of the slow season and do it now.

We come next to the lowly sinker.

I've long noticed that those fellows who haven't much interest in fishhooks seem also to feel the same way about sinkers. But if one sinker (and one fishhook) sufficed for all fishing, there would not be so many varieties

available. Each sinker is designed to do a special job, although with but minor exceptions, as, for instance, when surf fishing, proper sinker selection isn't as crucial as it is with fishhooks.

But proper sinkers do help to catch fish. For instance, when codfishing with bait, it is always best to fish a deadline. Therefore, using a sinker which is too light, or one that rolls along the bottom, is a poor choice. Surely, the "study" of sinkers is worth the effort.

Barrel swivels and sinker snaps have their place, too, depending upon the sort of fishing being done. However, bear in mind the experienced bottom fisherman's adage: the less hardware, the better. If you can do away with hardware, do so. I'll tell you truthfully, when blackfishermen go in for hardware, that's the day they will return home with few fish...and much frustration. The same applies to sinker bouncers who fish obstruction-littered bottom for sea bass, porgies and cod. Why make it easy for these fish to snag your rig on bottom?—which they certainly will do given half a chance. Be choosy when selecting hardware. Again, a word to the wise, etc.

Now, three-way swivels. This gizmo is iffy, at best. I say this because many years ago I had demonstrated to me the fact that swivels (of any type) are good only for trolling—they have no need by bottom fishermen. True enough. But there are times when shore fishing on a windy day, let's say, when the use of a three-way swivel will help prevent tangling around the main line should the rig be cast. Sinker snaps will also do this if sinker and hook are placed together. I believe these swivels have earned the bottom fisherman's respect when used in the proper place.

One of the bug-bears fishermen have is knowing how to tie a dropper loop in the main line for hook attachment. There's no problem at all when "Quick Rigs" are used. With these handy little gadgets, fishermen can move hooks up and down the main line without leaving behind potential tackle-fouling loops. Sure, you can always solve this problem by the use of a knife and then re-rig. But if the day is finger-tingling cold, or the fish biting as if there's no tomorrow (which seems to always happen when both terminal tackle and fishermen are having fits), then you've got headaches. Use the "Quick-Rig." They cost but pennies and are available in just about any tackle shop. If you're not familiar with this item, ask the man behind the counter to show you how it is used. (They take but seconds to put on.)

Yes, sir, as the man says: there's more to terminal tackle than meets the eye. And the sooner one learns the why's and wherefor's of terminal tackle, the sooner will that person (fisherman) return home with braggin'-size fish.

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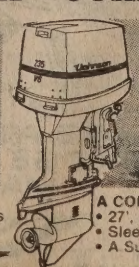

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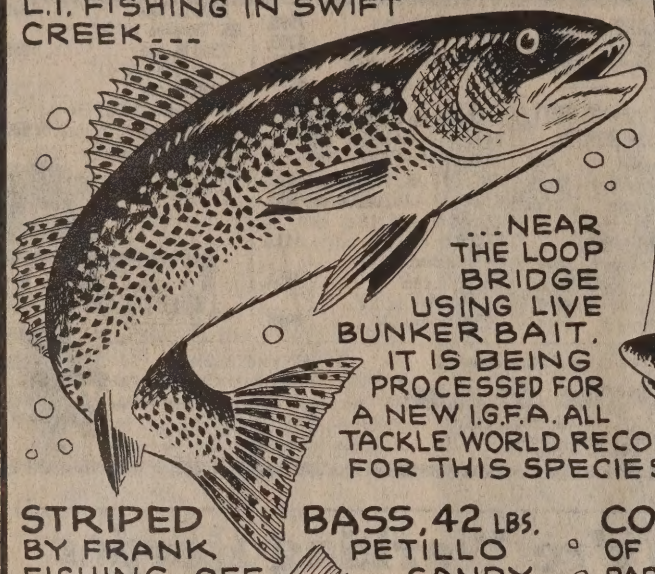

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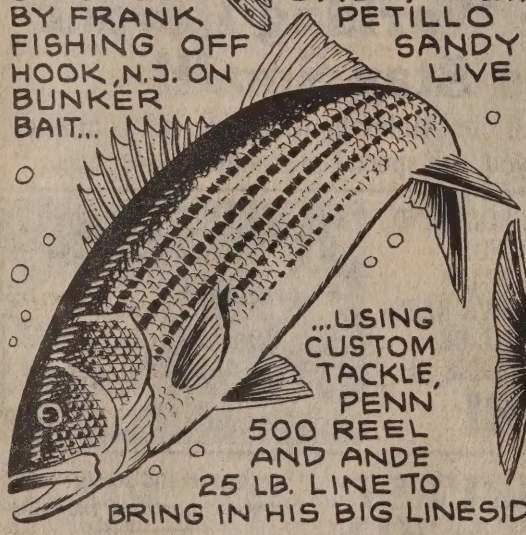

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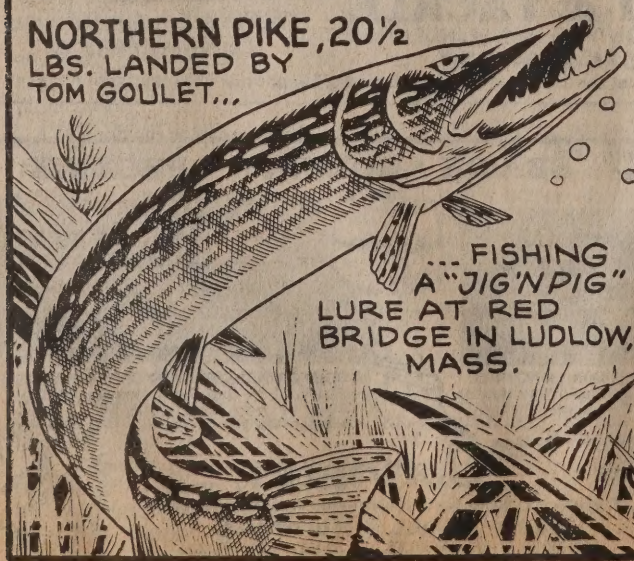

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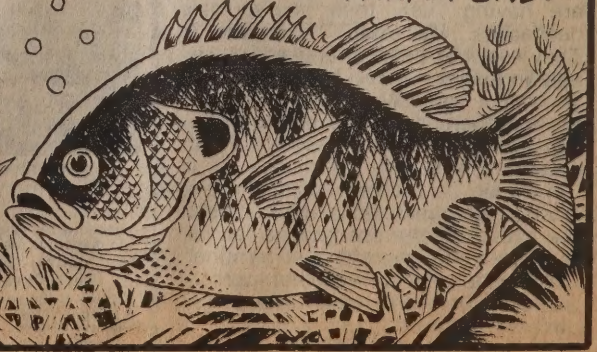

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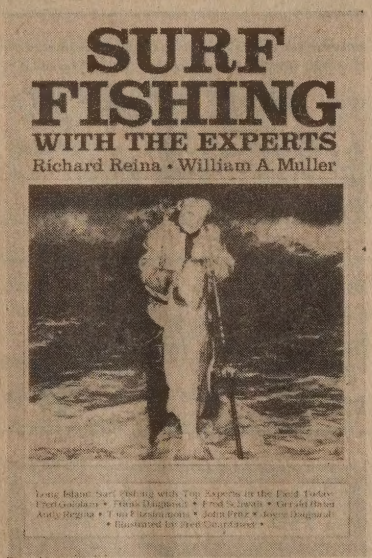

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

A few anglers were able to get out between gales, proving that not much has changed in the fishing picture, except that the bluefish have almost gone (some were caught at Montauk as late as Sunday). Mackerel catches at Block Island have remained steady with fish spreading out from the Point westward to Moriches. Sea bass, some quite large are still in the fishing picture. Cod are gradually coming in, however, dogfish remain a problem. Blackfish remain near Block Island and on the Shinnecock wrecks.

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Capt. Chuck Mallison of the **Joy-Sea** found some codfish, top weight 15 lbs., which took diamond jigs near Block Island on Sunday. There is still plenty of mackerel at Block Island and off the Point.

Captain Mike Bentivegna jr. filled all the boat's fish boxes with mackerel Sunday, fishing on the charterboat **Pronto** with Carl Jussen and Bob Doyle. The **Pronto** will remain available for charter (mackerel-cod) until winter comes and the harbor ices up. Capt. Mike expressed holiday wishes to all his customers. He is now scheduling Spring charters. Call to reserve best dates!

Jim Grubb called to tell me about the good codfish catch made on Capt. Jay Rigano's new charter boat **Lori-Jay** on Sunday. Four anglers, including Jim, Drew Rigano and Jimmy Kim hit a codfish blitz early in the day at Block Island. Fifty cod, almost all of them 15-20 lbs. took diamond jigs. Most action took place at slack tide. What a way to christen Capt. Rigano's new boat!

Joan at **Captain's Cove Marina** heard of a few bluefish caught at Southwest Ledge on Sunday. Mackerel were consistant with a showing of cod reported at Southwest Ledge and Block Island. Flounder should be showing at Can #5, although the good mackerel run seems to be luring anglers away from flounder fishing. Past history indicates that flounder will remain in Montauk Harbor through the winter. Most codfishermen pick up a bucket or two fishing from party boats at the dock while waiting for sailing time.

A call from Carl Darenberg at the **Montauk Marine Basin** on Monday morning resulted in an on the spot fishing report via radio communications with Capt. Mike Albronde

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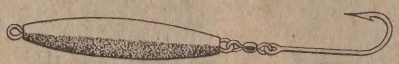

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(charter boat **Montauk**). Capt. Mike was fishing with Bart Ritchie on the "Rosina Jay" and had his hands full jigging cod at Block Island. The anglers reported that fishing was "red hot", (the time was 10:30 a.m.) with lots of 15-20 lb. fish already in the boat.

Captain Paul Forsberg finally had the right sea conditions to take the **Starship** offshore for wreck fishing on Sunday. Although not many cod were found, large pollock were caught. Ralph Varrano of Brentwood had two pollock, each over 35 lbs. Anglers again caught sea bass near Block Island on the way home.

I fished on the **Viking Starship** on Wednesday, December 5, making the trip to Montauk because of the red hot sea bass action reported in last week's paper. We lucked out and managed to find 8 hours of calm seas between two days of gale force winds. More important—Capt. Mike Bock found hundreds of large sea bass on every drop. Although dogfish were a problem, 33 anglers boated approximately 400 sea bass, in the 1 to 7 lb. range. Port Jeff resident Erik Tirpak counted 36 sea bass—with a dozen over 4 lbs. I saw at least 12 fish over 6 lbs. come on board. A few cod were caught: the pool cod was caught by Joe Chechuck of Sea Isle City, and amazing as it may see, a couple of bluefish were boated. It was a banner fishing day, one I'll remember for a long time—super fishing, great weather and an escort of a couple of dozen white-sided dolphin off the Point. What more could a fisherman want in December!

SOUTH FORK

Because of back to back severe storms with gale winds, Captain Artie Lach has taken the **Wilhelric** out of Sag Harbor and put her to bed for the winter. Capt. Lach wishes all his friends a happy holiday season and is looking forward to super snowshoe flounder in the Spring!

Although only one customer showed up on Sunday, Captain Ken Malone fished the ocean on the **Jenny Rose** with a friend and mate. The four anglers accounted for 8 codfish from 10-13 lbs. along with over 250 blackfish. Captain Malone told me that the blackfish were so thick that the clam bait couldn't hit bottom before it was attacked by a blackfish. The group had very few dogfish for a change. Capt. Malone felt that many cod were around but were unable to take a bait because of the aggressiveness of the blacks! The **Jenny Rose** will sail for cod this Saturday and Sunday. Starting December 21st the schedule will change to Fridays and Saturdays, and will continue through the winter, weather and sea conditions permitting. Call Capt. Malone the night before you plan to go for up to date fishing reports and probable sea conditions.

Freddy, a spoksman for **Altenkirch & Son** at **Hampton Bays** heard of a 22 inch striper caught and returned by a surfcaster fishing the east side of the inlet. Otherwise, fishing activity was quiet. Small flounder were caught in the Canal on fishable days. **Altenkirch & Son** has bait, including worms, should you be able to sneak out on a calm day.

Larry Mangarillo has a few boats available for rental at **Corr's Fishing Station** for flounder diehards. Sandworms and dyed clams are still available

Techniques of filleting and steaking codfish will be featured on my television program, **Fishing Forecast**, this week, as well as video footage of very large angler fish. Tapings were done on both the **Captree Queen II** and **Speedy VI. Fishing Forecast** is aired every Friday at 6PM on Brookhaven Cable TV, Channel 6 and features fishing reports, fishing techniques, programs on boat safety, electronics and other subjects relating to fishing. For information on **Fishing Forecast**, call me (Mrs. Lorry Mangan) at (516) 928-1347.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Our final report of the '84 season reveals some good flounder action still available in Moriches Bay and the western portions of Great South Bay. Codfishing left much to be desired this weekend with picky results reported by most anglers on Sunday. A couple of days of wind prior to Sunday was the major culprit. Some white perch action in a few of the local creeks and some trout action reported from the Connetquot round out the week's activity.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Ron Schlueter of the **Alma** reported very good flounder on Sunday with 8 anglers accounting for approximately 150 fish. Rich Odsen (Bohemia) caught an honest 3 pound

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6 ounce flounder among his 26 fish. Violet Gallo, a regular on the Alma outfished all the men on Saturday's trip with 30 flounder. Most fish hit on the outgoing tide near the Coast Guard Station. Capt. Greg 'Sandbar' Maynard has his finger on the flounder hot spots and feels that due to the late start, fishing should continue until after the holidays. The Alma will fish for flounder daily except Tuesday and Wednesday. Alma III will fish for cod every Saturday and Sunday, weather and sea conditions permitting.

Some catches of very large flounder, some over 3 pounds, by and glers on private boats at buoy 23, 36, Harts Cove and Haven's Point. Last Wednesday, Jack Ferguson with John Podlaski, Ed Dabnowitz, Paul Trovitz, and Bruno Glover had 2 cod of 17 and 10 pounds in 70 feet of water out of Moriches. Dogfish still a slight problem and mackerel, ling and whiting were reported on Sunday near the sea buoy.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that despite the lack of angler effort, a few good flounder reports continue to filter in from Hart's Cove and Moriches Bay. Also some fair action for pier anglers at the Mastic Town Dock. No word on any flatfish activity locally however. George Corwin and friends worked a wreck south of Fire Island during the week and returned with 9 cod in the 8 to 12 pound range. Garden worms accounting for some white perch in Tuthills Creek and one angler stopped to show a pair of 12" brookies taken in Carmans River on black and white streamers.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban had no local flounder news but did tell of putting a trio of Moriches Bay flatties on the scale for Richard Oster on Sunday. The three had a combined weighed of 8½ pounds! Cod action was tabbed a slow to fair pick with most fish this week still on the wrecks. Some big white perch in the Connetquot River during the week and a decent number of trout, most around 12 inches being taken as well. The entire staff at J & R asks that we thank all of their customers for the patronage over the past season and also that we extend their best wishes for a happy holiday to all.

Captree open boats had to contend with 3 days of wind before being able to probe the local wrecks for cod on Sunday. Results were no better than expected with pretty tough fishing the rule. Most boats settled for a slow pick with catches for the fleet ranging from the teens to a high of 40 fish per boat.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty 3** told us that he worked wrecks on both Wednesday and Sunday and finished with catches of 58

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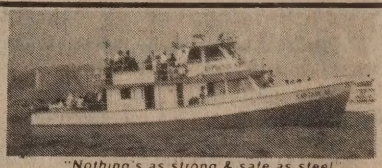
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and 37 cod respectively. Fish range from 4-12 pounds with pools in the 18-20 pound class. A reminder too that the boat's cod derby is now over $500.

Still some flounder action at the Amity Cut and Copiague Hole on worms according to Fred Austin of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon.** Fred weighed flatties to 1¾ pounds over the weekend. He added that the open boat Miss Babylon has been doing a good job on these same fish. Sunday was a slow pick on cod for most private boats with catches ranging from 2-6 fish per boat. There was a report that one private boat did manage a catch of 17 cod. Open bottom action on Sunday was poor. Fred noted that Capt. Fred Keiser of the B.C.A. charter boat Scamp will begin the 1985 season with a recently purchased 48' Harker's Island that will carry up to 15 passengers. Also, if anyone is interested in purchasing a any used International outfits, Fred has a complete set of 30, 50W and 80 pound class rods and reels available at reasonable prices. A reminder that Augie's will remain open thru the winter from 8AM to 4PM daily.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** said that there are still some good flounder catches being made by the small group of anglers out trying. Squaw Island, and the Gilgo and the Amityville portions of the State Channel seem to be producing best. Mike also spoke to an angler who reported quite a few small flounder at the Jones Beach Fishing Pier. A few keepers are mixed with them. White perch action near T.S.S. has been way off but Mike did tell of seeing a couple of nice browns in the 15-16 inch range taken from Rattlesnake Creek on the Connetquot Saturday AM.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** also put in a good word for the local flounder action. He told of looking over a nice mess of flatties taken from the Squaw Island area by

Billy Biscardi on Saturday. During the week Capt. Bill Miller managed several cod from atop the Skippy wreck while another angler stopped by to show more than a dozen white perch taken from Argyle Park in Babylon.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera added further confirmation to the flounder action in these parts. He noted the deeper holes are now holding the fish and named the west side of Fox Creek, Babylon Cut and the State Channel near Captree as having produced fish in recent days. A few cod were recorded on open bottom in 65' of water but most boatmen continue to pick away on the wrecks. Frank asks that we remind readers that Edelman's has gift certificates available for anyone having a tough time completing their Christmas shopping list. A reminder too, that the Surfside III Tuna Club will be accepting new members during January and February only. Call Joe Ferrara at 516-921-0086 for more information.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Fishing around the weather which was blustery a good part of the week, the party boats had fair to very good catches of cod everyday they could sail, mostly still on wrecks. Doggies appear to be moving out as the water starts to cool. Inside, flounder have been quite reliable on the fishable days, going up to 2 lbs.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

The word out of Freeport from Captain Richie Kessinger of the **StarstreaM II** is that the weather permitted him to sail only Wednesday and Sunday this week. Wednesday's catch was good, with 12 fares totalling 61 cod. High hook was Ernie Welsh of Jamaica with 10 cod. Thursday through Sunday were the windstorms but catches bounced back again on Sunday, very reliably with 60 cod being hoisted for a good crowd. Good anglers had 2 to 5 fish a man and a 32 lber. took the pool. The boat is still working the wrecks. Fish have been averaging 10 to 15 lbs. and an 8 lb. blackfish was a bonus for one unnamed angler Sunday. Lou Rosado of Edelman's bagged 4 cod on Sunday's trip.

Aboard the **Capt. Al** this week, skipper Al Lindroth advised that fares

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picked and slugged early in the week and had fish on every drop. Friday was too rough to sail. On Saturday three drops were made for the day with some fish being picked on every one. The bonanza came on Sunday's trip said the skipper with 28 passengers socking it to 180 codfish. Steve Sweets, Queens, boated 11 cod to 30 lbs. while Roosevelt Rogers of Westbury had 8 cod to 36 lbs. and the pool money. Bill O'Neil of Levittown managed 12 fish to 28 lbs. and Chris Morris had to be satisfied with 7 cod to 25 lbs. There was the bonus of a 10 lb. blackfish as well. Good weather, good fishing. Al asked us to let you know he will be fishing all winter for cod.

A call from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** tol of excellent flounder action on Tuesday on the full day boat with high hooks in the 60s. Wednesday was good also, high hook in the 60s. Sunday was very respectable also with mixed fish from 1/2 to 2 lbs. On the half day boat, high hooks have been in the 30s with some very hot moments. This has all been on local drops. The skipper wants to thank everyone who came to the recent party aboard the boat.

The word from Capt. Dick Hall of the **Super Spray II** told of a strong day's codfishing wed. with Richie and Jim Pav of West Hempstead gathering 14 cod between them. John, a regular scored with 6 cod. The 14 fares totalled approximately 40 fish. Saturday was very nasty and on Sunday Kenny Hegducek boated 8 cod to 25 lbs. and took them back to Oceanside. The pool went to Art Pagano with a 38 lber. and four other cod. There were a total of 55 cod on the boat that day with fishing being done both on wrecks and open bottom.

Over in Pt. Lookout, the **Miss Point Lookout** told of the 2 lb. pool flounder taken on Tuesday by Ace of College Point. Saturday's AM trip was the best floundering of the season with 7 fares putting away over 200 flatties. Ace, Andy and Karel of College Point had 130. Joe Sipos put away over 50. On the PM trip regular Sal accounted for 44 flatties and 30 was the count for Corndog John. Sunday's action was good. The AM trip saw Dom with 25 flounder and Art Gillespie with 20. On the PM trip Linda Benton was high hook with 33 flounder. The last day of sailing for the season will be Sunday, Dec. 16 with the boat sailing the regular 2 trips scheduled that day.

NEW YORK BIGHT

The Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle** told of blackfish still very good on the Jersey side on green crabs. A secretive pinhooker in the store when we called Monday told of good codding up to 30 lbs. on the hook on open bottom, no chum. Fishing was "to the east." Lots of dogs. Willie advised the flounder in Jamaica Bay has been fair to good depending on the day.

Aboard the **Zephyr** Saturday saw good floundering for larger fish in the AM with catches of 5 to 15 per man and smaller flounder in the afternoon. On Sunday, sizes were mixed up to 1½ lbs. Captain Butch has been fishing Jamaica bay and says he may start working the Jersey coast next week for larger fish. He wishes all his customers happy holidays.

The word from skipper Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** was of fair codding Wednesday and about the same in Saturday's blow in big seas. However, Sunday Al said his fares had super fishig, still working the offshore wrecks. Pool winner was a 43 lb. 8 oz. cod (this fish was not in the derby). Alan Hlavna had 8 pollock from 20 to 35 lbs., quite an unusual catch at this time of year. Many cod were taken all in the 12 to 30 lb. range. Al said that the boat pool otherwise known as his codfish derby is now up to $170. Al also wishes all our readers a very happy holiday season.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	11:10	11:55	—	12:00	11:50	—	12:30	12:35	2:05	2:20	2:20	2:35	11:15	11:50	12/13
FRI.	—	12:05	12:35	12:55	12:35	12:45	1:30	1:40	3:00	3:20	3:10	3:30	—	12:10	12/14
SAT.	12:55	1:05	1:35	1:55	1:30	1:45	2:30	2:50	14:00	4:25	4:10	4:35	12:50	1:15	12/15
SUN.	1:55	2:05	2:40	2:55	2:30	2:45	3:30	3:55	5:10	5:40	5:10	5:40	1:50	2:15	12/16
MON.	2:55	3:15	3:45	4:00	3:30	3:50	4:30	5:00	6:25	7:05	6:15	6:45	2:50	3:15	12/17
TUES.	3:55	4:20	4:40	5:00	4:30	4:55	5:30	6:00	7:35	8:15	7:10	7:45	3:45	4:15	12/18
WED.	4:55	5:20	5:40	6:00	5:30	5:35	6:20	6:55	8:35	9:15	8:10	8:45	4:40	5:05	12/19
THURS.	5:45	6:10	6:30	6:55	6:20	6:45	7:10	7:45	9:30	10:10	9:00	9:35	5:35	6:00	12/20

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 12/13	7:19	4:29
FRI. 12/14	7:20	4:29
SAT. 12/15	7:21	4:29
SUN. 12/16	7:22	4:29
MON. 12/17	7:23	4:29
TUE. 12/18	7:24	4:29
WED. 12/19	7:24	4:30

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 12/13	9:55PM	11:30AM
FRI. 12/14	11:08PM	12:00PM
SAT. 12/15	—	12:27PM
SUN. 12/16	12:20AM	12:53PM
MON. 12/17	1:32AM	1:18PM
TUE. 12/18	2:46AM	1:46PM
WED. 12/19	4:00AM	2:18PM

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12/22	12/30	12/8	12/15

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Sat.	10:55	4:50	11:25	5:10
Sun.	11:45	5:35	—	5:55
Mon.	12:10	6:15	12:25	6:40
Tues.	12:55	7:00	1:10	7:25
Wed.	1:40	7:50	2:00	8:15
Thurs.	2:30	8:40	2:50	9:10

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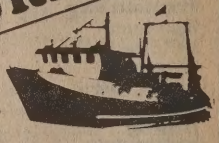

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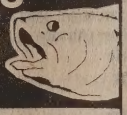

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North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

The last report of the season reads much like our first with flounder, flounder and nothing but flounder. However, it's a good time to convey Holiday Greetings from all those tackle stores still patiently pushing bait across the counter for hardies. Naturally there are gifts and sales as well.

WESTERN SOUND

Louis Pepe at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** told us that John Palmieri was still upstate trying to fill his deer tag. Most of the fishing was confined to shorelines, but there will be sandworms as long as the store can get them. Any sandy spot in 8 or more feet of water, in and around Orchard Beach and Glen Island would be a good bet now for flatfish.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** is quite pleased with the size of local flounder with some 1-2 pound fish showing in catches around Morgans Pond. The shop still has worms and advises anglers to spend some time and try the flatfishing on warm days. There are exactly five flats of worms left with no chum and no clams.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** in **Huntington Station** passed the report over to Mike Deckman, who advised us that the sandworms should be available through Christmas and that the shop still had frozen clam bellies and clams. The flatties are there when you can get to them with Eatons and Crab Meadow producing larger fish to 2 pounds, and bays and harbors also worth a try.

Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** said that flounder fishermen were still producing fish in 10 feet of water off Crescent Beach when the weather was right. No tautog have been reported in the last 2 weeks. Local worms are available off and on, but the staple is frozen dyed clams in red or white hues.

Mel at **Greenlawn Sport** figures that so few boats are out that reports are naturally spotty. However, the beaches and Northport Harbor are worth a try. On sale for a quick disposal are 36 packages of clam bellies and squid. Greenlawn is out of chum.

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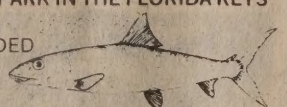

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Tom Bowman of **Bowman's** in **Northport** told us that the store hasn't sold any of its frozen skimmer clams for a week. Although flounder interest is waning, young anglers still can fish schoolie bass (mostly throwbacks) around the power plant. Whiptails and eelworms are the lures of choice, and there are also jack crevalle, white perch, and mullet in that exotic area. Bowman remainds us that a 36 pound linesider was nailed on a mullet there last winter, but that the bass season is over (except for released fish) on December 15th.

Sutler's in **Port Jefferson** expects to have worms until the end of the month, according to Sal Gattuso. Dyed and regular frozen clams are available too. The shop is seeing a number of flatties but not great numbers. Sizes are impressive and hopes persist that warmer weather will bring improvement in catches.

Stan at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** will still be going surfcasting until Christmas. He tells us that there are a few small bass around wherever anglers are fishing the Sound. Rebels and Redfins work around dark and ½ ounce Kastmasters or Hopkins to 1¼ ounces are good in the mornings. Most of the flounder diehards are headed out to Quogue and points east; however, the store has 2 flats of worms still left and will have frozen clams all winter, along with plenty of chum, including blocks of clam-belly chum.

Dick Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods** can give personal information on duck shooting and a few hints on flounder as well. He told us that there was good flounder fishing in the Stony Brook area, at least until last week when the grapevine fell silent. The Mount Sinai store is currently out of bait.

NORTH FORK

Except for Holiday Greetings from Ed Kopack at **Warren's** all was silent on the North Fork over the weekend. Kopack reminded us that the store still carries frozen clam and clam chum. Arlene Dovner of Syosset won the **Peconic Star** raffle and took home a custom rod by Al Goldberg as well as a Newell reel, according to information from the Raineses on the **Blue Albatross**.

Flounder fishermen who haven't quit might still look around Petty's Bight and the Orient tip for flatties, and it's possible that Dering Harbor, Pipes Cove, Conklins, and Beixedon have a few fish that escaped the draggers earlier. The few small bass being picked on the beaches in the Miller Place area would indicate that beach rats would also be rewarded in the early morning and late evening if they were persistent.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all those who read through these reports; we'll be emerging from the mud with the flatties next spring!

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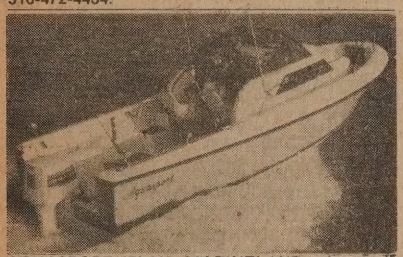

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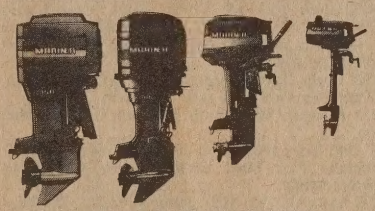

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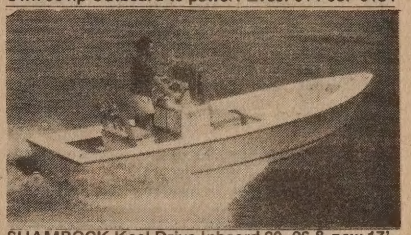

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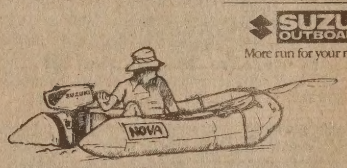

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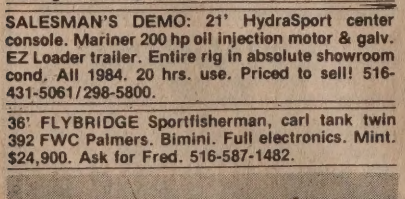

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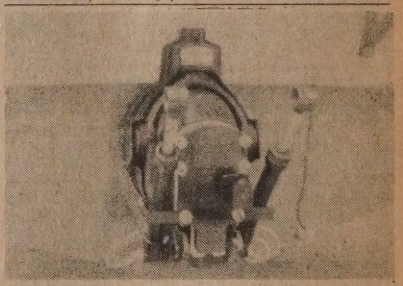

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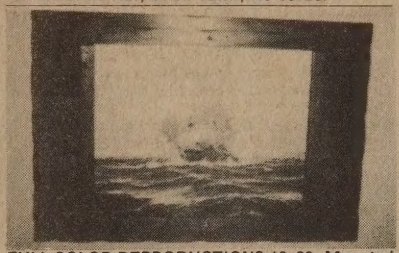

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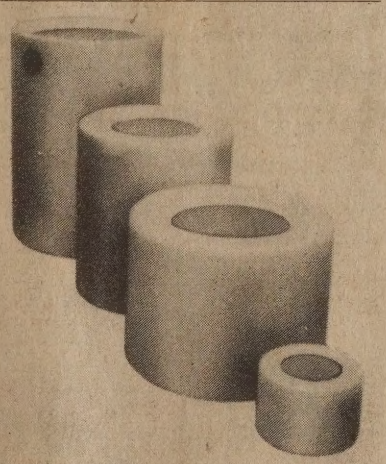

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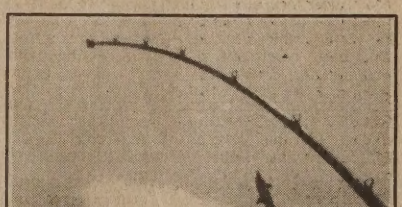

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